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O P 061310Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY KABUL  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7833  
SECDEF  
DIRNSA, FT MEADE, MD.  
CINCPAC  
INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN PRIORITY

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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

ISLAMABAD, NEW DELHI AND TEHRAN ALSO FOR USDAOs

SITREP 27

E. O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, AF  
SUBJECT: THE AFGHAN REVOLUTION OF 1978

1. AS OF 1600 HOURS MAY 6, KABUL IS STILL CALM AS THE NEW REGIME  
CONTINUES TO MAKE SUBSTANTIVE AND PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE  
STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT. IT HAS BEEN RUMORED, HOWEVER, THAT ON  
THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 4, A CROWD GATHERED TO RECEIVE THE MORN-  
ING NEWSPAPERS (THE FIRST TO APPEAR SINCE THE COUP) NEAR THE  
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KHYBER RESTAURANT ON PUSHTUNISTAN SQUARE. TROOPS MISINTERPRETED THIS  
AS A DEMONSTRATION FORMING, FIRED INTO THE CROWD, AND KILLED A  
BOY.

2. WE ALSO HEAR RUMORS THAT A MASS DISMISSAL OF MOHAMMADZAI IS  
TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE GOVERNMENT. WE ARE ABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE  
SOME OF THESE DISMISSALS, BUT OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS ARE KNOWN TO

BE CONTINUING -- AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT -- IN THEIR JOBS.

3. DESPITE VARIOUS PRESS REPORTS OFFERING HIGHER FIGURES, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE MAXIMUM DEATH TOLL RESULTING FROM THE COUP IS NO MORE THAN 5,000.

4. PRICES FOR STAPLES SUCH AS MEAT, GRAIN AND FLOUR ARE BEGINNING TO RISE IN THE BAZAARS, AND ARE NOW UP ABOUT TEN PERCENT OVER

THOSE CHARGED THE WEEK BEFORE THE COUP. WE EXPECT THAT THE VALUE OF THE AFGHANI RELATIVE TO INTERNATIONAL CURRENCIES WILL BEGIN TO FLUCTUATE SOON, BUT IT IS PRESENTLY REMAINING IN THE 41 - 42 AFGHANI TO THE DOLLAR AREA.

5. WEST GERMAN POLICE ADVISORS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO RETURN TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TO RESUME THEIR ADVISORY DUTIES. COMMENT: IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT A WESTERN BILATERAL PROGRAM IS BEING PERMITTED TO CONTINUE IN WHAT IS UNDOUBTEDLY ONE OF THE MOST SENSITIVE MINISTRIES OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT. END OF COMMENT.  
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